

Bill Summary: The Iran Freedom Policy and Sanctions Act

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The Iran Freedom Policy and Sanctions Act significantly increases pressure on Iran for its human rights abuses, support for terrorism, and ballistic missile program and strengthens the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) by placing stringent restrictions on Iran's nuclear program, fixing the deficiencies of the nuclear accord to permanently prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapons capability. This legislation seeks to fix the major flaws of the JCPOA, including the nuclear deal's sunset provisions which pave the pathway for a nuclear-armed Iran, the faulty inspections regime which denies international inspectors access to military sites, and provisions that allow advanced nuclear technology and ballistic missile research and development. If Iran fails to abide by the restrictions pursuant to this bill, this legislation requires all sanctions waived pursuant to the JCPOA to be reimposed.

This legislation would additionally combat Iran's support for terrorism, ballistic missile program, and human rights abuses by expanding sanctions against key Iranian entities, including Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), the Basij paramilitary, the police, other repressive forces, and entities that fund and support these bad actors. As the Iranian people continue to protest for their freedom, the legislation aims to deprive the regime of critical resources needed to continue its widespread repression at home and adventurism abroad.

Expanded Sanctions Combating Iran's Malign Activities

This legislation would robustly increase sanctions on Iran for its malign activities. To combat Iran's support for human rights abuses and support for terrorism, this bill expands sanctions upon responsible regime entities such as the IRGC, and the Basij Force, by imposing sanctions on entities in which they own, directly or indirectly, a 20% or greater interest, lowering the threshold from 50% to cover more regime-connected entities.

This legislation also targets Iran's ballistic missile program and those whom support it. Included in this bill are core provisions from the [Iran Ballistic Missile Sanctions Act](#) (H.R. 4815, 114th Congress) that:

- Impose new sanctions against persons who knowingly aid Iran's ballistic missile program;
- Impose sanctions on persons involved in sectors of Iran's economy who support, directly or indirectly, Iran's ballistic program
- Mandate new sanctions against entities in which Iran's key ballistic missile organizations control 20 percent or greater interest in, including organizations such as the Aerospace Industries Organization or the Shahid Hemmat Industrial Group.

Strengthen the JCPOA

Under this bill, sanctions waived pursuant to the JCPOA will snap back against Iran if the President cannot certify to Congress every 90 days the following:

- The Government of Iran has not undertaken any activity:
 - Related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons, including launches using ballistic missile technology.
 - To enable Iran to produce sufficient weapons-grade uranium or plutonium for a nuclear weapon in under 12 months, including development, production or installation of advanced centrifuges.
 - To deny the international community unfettered, unannounced, and indefinite access to Iran's nuclear program, including "anywhere, anytime" access and inspections of military sites.
- The Government of Iran has ratified and implemented the Additional Protocol to the NPT Safeguard Agreement and has provided full disclosure of the possible military dimensions of its nuclear program.